

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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EDITOR

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## Being Frank With Hawaiians

"Hawaiians have been given too much indiscriminate charity," said Mrs. Walter Macfarlane this morning while she was busy sponsoring members of the Kawaiahoi Alms Society for the surgical work of the Red Cross in the throne room. "They have grown to think they can do nothing for themselves. We Daughters of Hawaiian Warriors want them to realize that they can and must provide for themselves."—Star-Bulletin interview.

Mrs. Walter Macfarlane deserves a special vote of thanks from the Hawaiians for her plain statement, and the Daughters of Hawaiian Warriors are to be credited with undertaking the most important work now under way for the citizens of Hawaiian blood.

The greatest misfortune that has ever fallen upon the Hawaiian people is the sentiment that has grown among them that the world owes them a living and they have no need to work for themselves if they can gain sustenance in some other way. This cruel folly, fostered in every political campaign that has been held since the islands have had universal suffrage, has done an amount of harm that cannot be estimated, but is evidenced by a list of failures resulting from one and only one cause, refusal to work.

The source of this trouble is found in racial prejudices and the political appeals to race.

The cry is heard that the Hawaiians should have the offices, and it has become so general and the cowards who are not willing to tell the truth have been so numerous that there has been an utter disregard of the consideration of capacity, training for the position, ability to do the work.

In many cases the Hawaiian has been fed with this political buncombe to such an extent that he has been swept off his balance of common sense. He has forgotten that the first essential of success for any man, woman or child of any race is readiness and ability to work, frugality, concentration, independence, character. He has formed an idea that a blacksmith can be an accountant without much preliminary training, and the accountant can do all that a blacksmith can.

This condition is reflected in the product of the Kamehameha schools that have been so generally under discussion. Not all have been failures by any means, but the record of the young men has been such, in too large a number of instances, as to create the impression that young men firmly believe that institutions of this character put human material through some sort of mechanical refinery so that at the end of a stated period the finished product is turned out without any special effort on the part of the person going through.

The same mistaken idea has resulted in very worthy young men being placed in public and private positions and finding themselves misfits. When a plain statement of fact is made that they are misfits, the political element comes into play and the cry goes up that the man is being attacked because he is Hawaiian. There are enough haole misfits in office to give this the semblance of truth. The political manipulator plays upon the untruth; prejudices are his opportunities. The average citizen who wakes up once a year is too busy to worry about the subject, and so the unfortunate condition travels a vicious circle.

The progressive Hawaiian knows that he must work to win.

He may gain a temporary advantage by the old prejudice route, but it cannot be other than temporary. He knows it, and so he buckles down to intensive, consistent hard work.

No better example of the awakening of the progressive Hawaiian has come to public attention lately than the interview published in this paper of Editor Riley Allen with Denny Markham in Philadelphia. Denny, who is known as a fine young man and a first-class baseball player, is studying to become a chartered accountant. He is heading for a rating as an expert. He knows that most anyone can keep books after a fashion. And anyone who understands business appreciates the fact that Markham will know hard work before he wins his degree. Another example is found in a young Hawaiian like Pahau, who is taking the course in agriculture at the College of Hawaii. He is taking advantage of the opportunities that are open to every boy in this territory who is willing to work. The Desha boys are in the same class, and it is a gratifying promise for the future that the number is increasing.

The basic fact still remains that the misfortune of the Hawaiians is their false idea of the manner in which the "heights by great men" are "reached and kept," and an easy going willingness to be carried along by others if the others are willing to carry them.

Women possessed of the experience and vision of members of the organization with which Mrs. Macfarlane is associated are just the ones to become missionaries of progress among their own people. They can tell the truth without fear of the facts being warped and the lesson distorted by the political racial outcry.

Intelligent and thoughtful citizens understand that the example cited by Mrs. Macfarlane does not fit every Hawaiian. They know that a great number of instances can be cited of men and women, who are working hard, showing good business judgment and standing up against keen competition. But they would be unfaithful to the welfare of the native people if, when seeing the pitfalls and understanding the most serious weaknesses, they refrained from frank speech when dealing with the facts.

With Ludendorff squeezing labor and the war profiteers batten on the country at large, the masses in Germany may not be long in seeking for their real enemies at home.

## And People Stand For It

Sessions of the civil service board are bringing to light the use of the police department as a political home for the deficient.

It is very difficult to reach any other conclusion after the action of the commission in lowering the standard of the marks that must be obtained in the examination of candidates for members of the police force.

The civil service commission is enough of a farce by virtue of the standards and associations of a majority of its members. This last action moves the commission along rapidly to the lists of the supremely ridiculous.

But that is not the worst of it. The outstanding horror of this incident and of the record of the police in handling the underworld of this town is the willingness of a generally accepted intelligent population to stand for it all.

Undoubtedly an uglier word than incompetent will soon be properly added to the ramifications of the police record. And the people stand for it.

## MONEY COSTS OF WAR.

According to statistics and tables prepared from official reports showing the expenditures of the British government, made during its wars of recent years, the cost in money was enormous.

The figures compiled show that the Napoleonic wars cost the British government \$4,157,232,245.

The Crimean war, according to statistics furnished by Sir George Lewis, chancellor, cost \$381,990,000.

The Boer war balance sheet, on April 23, 1903, showed an expenditure by the British government of \$1,085,000,000.

The British government, according to the "Economist" of April, 1917, had, from the commencement of the present war to the end of March, this year, raised by taxation, \$5,409,765,000. During the same period that government had borrowed \$15,975,265,000.

No statistics are readily available regarding the war expenditures by France, but it is known that France has, up to the date given above, borrowed \$11,000,000,000.

And the end is not yet.

The fish committee of the food commission is to be congratulated on showing signs of life. It is assumed that the food commission is organized to accomplish something and not spend its time finding out what it can't do. If we are to win victories we must go out and fight, not sit at home and say it can't be done.

One great problem before the Hawaiians of this city is whether the Hawaiian band is to degenerate into a second rate tin-horn gang all on account of inability to understand that a band is organized for the purpose of rendering music, not solely to produce jobs for the needy.

Investigators of the Manoa contract find that some hundreds of barrels of asphalt that should have been used on the streets are still in the barrels. Another case of locking the door afterwards. Is it proving a lesson for the inspectors who are watching the progress of other contracts?

While the United States district attorney is waking up to the presence in this town of the Bull Magazine, the authorities might also take notice of the men in this town who have been recommending this treasonable publication as a proper one from which to form an opinion on the war situation.

It is about time that you stopped thinking about that Liberty Bond and stepped into the bank and ordered it. Remember that you are one of Uncle Sam's salesmen, and the first thing you have to do is to sell the product to yourself. Do that and you can help do your share in the war.

Teuton cleverness does not shine particularly bright in the attempt of spies from Europe to find a hiding place in the United States. It's like a moth dashing into the flame of a candle.

There is nothing to the Socialist peace scheme but rearranging the pieces on the world's chess-board for a more terrible war game than the present.

The greatest mystery about the plot to murder Dr. Cook and his party is that Cook allowed anyone else to tell the story.

America is now getting it strung on the other cheek from the submarine, so the time has arrived to give the bully the knockout.

Latest advices indicate that Bulgaria is becoming afraid that Germany cannot deliver the goods to her and will not if she can.

The army should be on guard against the possible manipulations of the gamblers in offering to cash the bonds at a liberal discount.

San Francisco would not be at the mercy of 2009 "hello" girls if it acquired an automatic telephone service such as Honolulu has had for years.

Removal of the Russian capital to Moscow will give the kaiser a new guessing spell.

Have you ordered your Liberty Bond yet? And why not?

It's an even bet which hits the sky first, sugar or silver.

## SUMMER COMPLAINT

With apologies to "Fish," who has already apologized to "K. C. B."

MAYOR FERN  
AND HON. SUPERVISORS  
AND MR. FRAZEE  
SIR:  
MR. "FISH" has been so  
SUCCESSFUL with his  
LITTLE "K. C. B." stuff  
IN THE Star-Bulletin that  
IT HAS PROVEN to be a good  
METHOD FOR REMEDYING certain  
LITTLE THINGS that otherwise might  
PROCEED RIGHT along and not be  
FIXED OR anything.  
IF YOU WERE laboring men  
AND LIVED WAY out on the edge  
OF TOWN AND had  
TO GET UP at 5 a. m.

AND HIT THE trail for the  
CAR LINE, a mile away,  
AND THE RAINY season was on  
AND THE ROAD was a mud puddle  
THE WHOLE WAY and the city  
ELECTRIC LIGHTS were turned  
OFF SO you could not see  
THE ROAD AT all,  
AND YOU HAD no other way to  
MAKE IT, WOULD you not feel  
LIKE SHUTTING off the city juice  
SAY FROM 1 a. m. to 4:30 a. m.,  
AND THEN turning it on, so  
THAT YOU COULD better thread  
YOUR WAY through that  
MILE OF MUD?  
NOW,  
WOULDN'T YOU?  
K. S. R.

## Letters ON TIMELY TOPICS

### WHAT HAS COMMISSION TO SAY?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: Was not the argument produced before the food commission a few days ago that one of the causes of the high price of fresh fish was the inability of the fishermen to get ice to keep his catch until he reaches port? It was later said by those who know that this short supply was only for a few days.

What I would like to know is, has the price of fish been reduced since the supply of ice has been sufficient?

Honolulu, October 19, 1917.

### RESPECT TO UNIFORM!

Editor Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: All are not able to serve their country by buying Liberty Bonds. But the least our patriotic citizens can do is to pay respect to the uniform.

Last Tuesday night, two ladies lacking this respect for the uniform reserved seats at the Bijou Theater, and upon being ushered to their seats saw several soldiers, including myself, sitting near their seats. They turned to the usher with a sneer and went back to the box office and tried to exchange their seats, and not being able to do so, returned and we were obliged to endure their contempt throughout the whole performance.

These ladies are probably showing their patriotism by buying Liberty Bonds. Let us hope so.

CORP. EARL R. EASTERDAY.  
Schofield Barracks, Oct. 17, 1917.

### STARTING HOUSEWIFE LEAGUE

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: A short time ago there appeared in your paper a letter suggesting that a "Housewife League" be formed for the purpose of controlling the high price of fish, and placing it within the reach of the working classes.

This move was looked on with dissatisfaction by the press, who claim that no useful purpose could or would be accomplished by such a method, however that may be, the fact remains that a "Housewife's League" has been already started in this town, with a total of 101 names to date, including 14 Orientals. The definite aim, I understand, is to get 500 members in the "hui" and as soon as this is accomplished, its aims and ideas will be put into effect, when it will be demonstrated if the "new department" is a failure or not.

N. W. KENNEDY.  
Honolulu, October 18, 1917.

### LETTER OF THANKS

Woman's Home Companion,  
New York.  
Dear Mrs. Soper:—A package from you has been received by the National Special Aid Society for "The Treasure and Trinket Fund." We thank you heartily for your generous response to our appeal to help the wings of the United States.

Very cordially yours,  
THE EDITORS.

### PLEA FOR LIVING

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: Once again I wish to call the attention of your many readers to the necessity of looking into and studying the advisability of the abolishment of the death law as it now obtains in the territory of Hawaii.

It is said that reforms come only through agitation. As we become more and more evolved in justice dis-

appears. It is also said that "there are those who believe prisons of themselves are wrong, and that all prisoners are either victims of unfortunate environment or are mental or moral defectives that should be sent to a hospital for medical treatment." I certainly do not agree with this view, and it seems at our present stage of civilization that "prisons are as inevitable as bad weather and as necessary as bridges across rivers." Something must be done to restrain criminals and to insure the safety of the community. But legalized murder should never be practiced in a civilized country. There are better ways. Does the infliction of the death penalty prevent murder? It certainly does not even lessen murder. It is a well-known fact based on human nature and established by observation that it is not the severity but the certainty of punishment which tends to restrain. It is acknowledged by those who oppose the death penalty that statistics show that where penalties are severe crime is the most prevalent and that the percentage of murders never increases where the death penalty is abolished. It is hardly necessary at this time to call the attention of your readers to the fact that there is an epidemic of murder raging in Hawaii just now. As an example let us turn to the state of Michigan, which stands as the banner state in the union in this line, having abolished the death penalty in the year 1847, just 70 years ago. Dare any one say that Michigan has more criminals or is in any way suffering more from the criminal class than where the death penalty still holds? It must be taken at face value that the good people of Michigan are well satisfied with their humane law and do not want to change back to the horrible practice of murdering their criminals as they did prior to the year 1847.

Rhode Island abolished the death penalty in the year 1852, making 65 years of sane treatment for criminals in that state. Delaware has voted down the proposition, it still clings to its whipping post and execution for five crimes—the only state which does so. Geographically considered it is interesting to note that the area still standing out for legal murder for more than one offense is almost identical with that which held out for negro slavery and which affords the greatest harvest of lynchings.

I realize that at a time like this, on account of the war, all hearts are full and all hands are busy helping in the life and death struggle for the liberty of the world, and this is as it should be, but we should not neglect the duties of our own household. I appeal to the good people of Honolulu and these islands through the columns of your valuable paper on behalf of our criminals.

God knows better than we how much to punish His little ones, and shall we take the responsibility upon ourselves to rob them of their earthly before the time, or shall we restrain and teach them until they learn to control themselves? Why not give them every opportunity to learn? Earth is their school.

As individuals we are responsible for every criminal executed in these islands unless we raise a voice against the practice of this terrible wrong. Yours for humanity,

MARTHA E. TOWNSEND.  
Wahiawa, Oahu, Oct. 17, 1917.



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### MARRIED

KAIMI-HILEA—In Honolulu, October 18, 1917, Edward Kaimi and Miss Julia Hilea, Rev. Father Philip, of the Catholic cathedral, officiating; witnesses, Catherine Machado and Benjamin McCabe.

WELSH-KELEMANO—In Honolulu, October 17, 1917, Frank Welsh and Miss Rose Keleman, Rev. Father Philip, of the Catholic cathedral, officiating; witnesses, William Kemp and Emeline Nalel.

LEE-PARK—In Honolulu, October 17, 1917, Lee Keun Soo and Miss Park Koo Yun, Rev. M. E. Silva, of Hoonana Naauao church, officiating; witnesses, Lee Choon Sam and Kim Duck Pong.

### DIED

LILIKOI—In Honolulu, October 19, 1917, Mrs. Lizzie Oliwa Lilikoi of Sheridan, near Beach road, a native of this city, aged 45 years.

NOBRIGA—In Honolulu, October 19, 1917, Libana de Nobriga, of 1843 Naopala road, divorced, a native of Madeira, Portugal, aged 80 years.

For the benefit of the public in general, Ohians and Iowans in Honolulu would like it known that the two states are not the same, and that only Ohio people may belong to the Buckeye Club.

## PERSONALITIES

FRANCIS E. PEAKE, for past years superintendent of the Inter-island wharf, left yesterday on his way to the front. Mr. Peake will go direct to Egypt and will join the colors under Gen. Allenby at Palestine.

## SHERIFF'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONTESTED

Attorneys Robert W. Breckons and William T. Rawlins are looking up the law which enters into the cases that may arise out of the recent action of the civil service commission in lowering the standard required for eligibles on police and fire department appointments. They are the counsels who will probably be chosen by the new appointees if suit should be brought. The possible plaintiffs in any suit which may be brought in this matter have not yet chosen their counsel.

## SALVATION ARMY GATHERING

A unique entertainment will be held tonight at the Salvation Army headquarters on Beretania street in the nature of an "Around the Campfire" party. Captain George Marshall will be the chief speaker and short talks will also be made by Adjutant and Mrs. West. A real tent and imitation campfire will be placed on the stage to add to the reality.

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